



## Ground rules for the lectures

1. Engage...participate...ask...answer
2. Use your laptop / tablet / mobile (silent!!) to participate
3. If something's wrong, say so  
(e.g. you can't hear, others are distracting you,...)
4. Be aware that I have some hearing loss



# CSN08114/CSN08414

## Scripting for Cybersecurity and Networks

### Lecture 1: Introduction to Python;

### booleans, numbers and strings

### If statements



# Module overview

Teaching team  
Module organisation  
Assessments



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# Module outline

- 12 Taught Lectures + 12 Practical Labs
- **Lectures** - mix of talking about the language/theory + activities/demo of syntax/ Python examples + interactive quizzes
- **Labs** – examples of the theory from lectures + build approx. 2 Python scripts per lab
  - Scripts used to build coursework
  - Must complete labs in your own time! – 4+ hours/wk
- Labs pretty detailed, but do make notes of the answers and how you got them!
- Use Lecture notes + Moodle resources + online resources as reference in labs
- Can learn a lot of Python in one module!





# Prerequisites

- Assumes that you have done some programming before
- But probably in another language

You should be familiar with, for example

- for loops
- if statements
- functions
- The idea of debugging

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fade"),b.parent(".dropdo  
.find("> .active"),h=e&&  
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nt.offset(),g=this.$targ  
n":!(e+g<=a-d)&&"bottom"  
ffset=function(){if(this  
ment.offset();return  
1))
```



# Assessment and feedback

## Lab exercises

- Formative assessment and feedback
- Discuss your answers with us during the lab
- Selected exercises create scripts that will be part of the coursework

## Class test

- 50%
- about half-way (week 8)
- Open book; during lab; 1.5 hours

## Final coursework

- 50%
- A larger Case Study
- Submit and demo at the end of the module
- Heavily based on selected lab exercises



# Module content

- Each topic starts with a lecture and continues with the lab the same week

week	Draft content
2	Scripting Languages/Python Overview, Environment - IDLE, Python syntax rules, Flow Control: If statements, For loops, Functions, Numbers, Booleans, arithmetic. Lab: Python Cryptanalysis - Keyspace calculator
3	Data Types: Strings & string formatting, Lists. Variables & Objects. Lab: encryption/decryption (Caesar Cipher)
4	Data Types: Tuples, Dictionaries; Modules/Scripts, Code Development: Exception Handling. Lab: Python Hashing/Password Cracking
5	Algorithms & complexity; External Data - reading and writing Files. Lab: Python Forensics Intro
6	Complexity & tuning
7	Statistics

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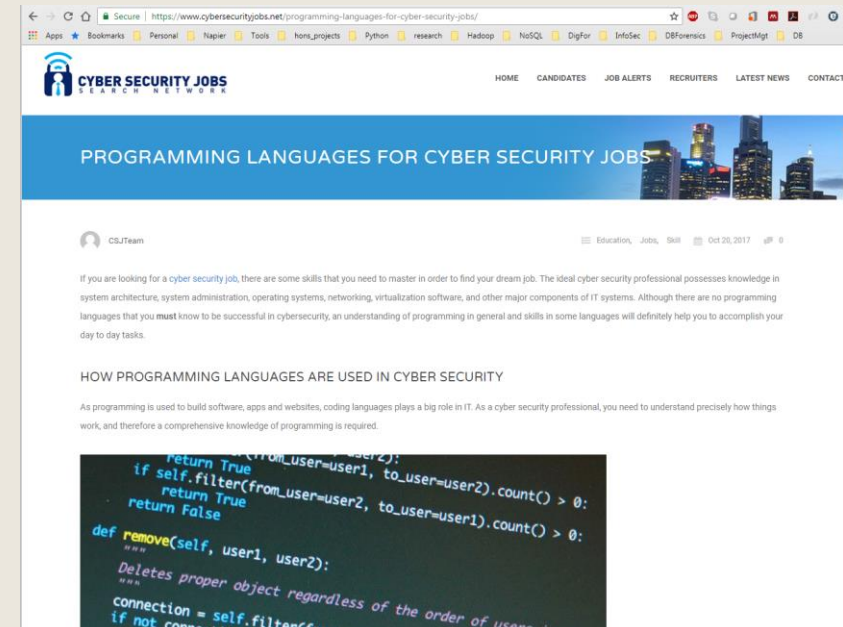
week	Draft content
8	Text manipulation, System Programming, More External Data – Files/Web, Lab: Python Encryption
9	Regular Expressions
10	Computer networking with Python
11	Geolocation. Case study: mapping network traffic from IP addresses
12	Graph & Network Theory. Mapping code dependencies in Python scripts
13	CW Q&A

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# Why are **we** learning Python?

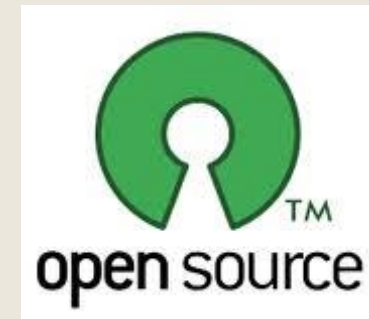
- Cybersecurity pros need programming skills
  - *Automate repetitive tasks*
  - *Analyse software for vulnerabilities*
  - *Identify malicious software*
  - *Script your own tools – e.g. plug ins for forensic software*
- Python is possibly the most popular language for cybersecurity
  - *Can be used for wide range of applications*
  - *Open source*
  - *Easy to learn*
  - *Rich set of libraries/tools available*
  - *Platform independent*





# Why learn Python?

- Designed to help produce Good Quality Code
  - *Readable/consistent/minimal code compared to other scripting languages – more readable than Perl*
  - *Easy to learn and use – easier than C, C++ ,C#, Java*
- Productivity
  - *Rapid Prototyping/Proof of concept - hacking*
  - *Less code to type/no compile stage*
- Portability
  - *Multi platform without any changes*
  - *Linux/Mac/Windows/Mobile*





# Python Features

- Powerful but Light High Level Language - scripting and general purpose
- Rich set of libraries/tools
- Interpreted Language
  - *No compile phase/quick turnaround & prototyping*
- Dynamically Typed
  - *Typing at runtime - no need to pre-declare variables*
- Strongly Typed
  - *Dynamic type checking – reports misuse*
- Automated Memory Management
  - *Garbage collection*
- Simplicity of Scripting – procedural
- Object Oriented - optional



## Version 3.x (currently 3.7)

- Most libraries now support 3.x
- Most textbooks and tutorial sites are for 3.x
- Eliminates old quirks that confuse learners
- Full Unicode support
  - *Clear distinction between strings and binary*
- New for 3.6:
  - *f-string formatting*
  - *secrets module*
  - *Underscores allowed in variable names*
  - *Type hints for named variables*

## Version 2.7 - legacy

- Support will be discontinued 1/1/2020
- Still used by some existing applications
- Still default in some OS

We will use **Python 3.7** in this module

<https://wiki.python.org/moin/Python2orPython3>

[http://python-notes.curousefficiency.org/en/latest/python3/questions\\_and\\_answers.html#why-is-python-3-considered-a-better-language-to-teach-beginning-programmers](http://python-notes.curousefficiency.org/en/latest/python3/questions_and_answers.html#why-is-python-3-considered-a-better-language-to-teach-beginning-programmers)



# Running Python Code

IDLE and Command line

How do we create Python code





# Running Python Code (demo in lab!)

IDLE -  
interactively

IDLE -  
run saved  
scripts

Command  
line -  
interactively

Command  
line -  
saved  
scripts

```
Python 3.7.0 Shell
File Edit Shell Debug Options Window Help
Python 3.7.0 (v3.7.0:1bf9cc5093, Jun 27 2018, 04:59:51) [M
Type "copyright", "credits" or "license()" for more inform
>>> a = 'spam'
>>> len(a)
4
>>> |
```

```
F:\Dropbox\CSN08114 Python>python hello.py
hello world
hello Petra
```



You should watch the recordings of  
**Lecture 00a Python Background** and  
**Lecture 00b Running Python in Windows**  
during independent study.



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# Variables & Objects

Python Objects

Python Built-in Object Types

Dynamic Typing



# Python Variables (objects)

- Variables allow us to store data
- No need to declare variable or its data type
- Assign a value with = operator
  - *Automatically created/typed, memory assigned*

```
>>> a = 6                # create integer object
>>> b = "hello"          # create string object
>>> f = open("x.txt")    # create file object
```

- Variables are Objects. The assignment defines the type of Object created (**dynamically typed**)
- Variables are case sensitive (like everything in Python)

```
>>> A

Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<pyshell#0>", line 1, in <module>
    A
NameError: name 'A' is not defined
```



# Python Variables

```
>>> int1 = 5
>>> flt = 0.945
>>> txt = 'Hello!'
>>> int1/flt
5.291005291005291
>>> txt*2
'Hello!Hello!'
```

Variables are assigned values without pre-defining a type

```
>>> m,n=5,8
>>> m*n
40
>>> x = y = z = "string value"
>>> x
'string value'
>>> z
'string value'
```

Several variables can be assigned values in one statement

```
>>> print(int1)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<pyshell#5>", line 1, in <module>
    print(int1)
NameError: name 'int1' is not defined
```

Python stops with useful error (some languages do not)

Variables must be assigned a value before use





# Object Data Types we will learn about:

- Numbers: Integer, Float
- Boolean
- String
- Collections: List, Dictionary, Tuple
- File
- Module, Function - program units are objects too
- Can create very advanced applications with only the built-in Object data types



# Python Variables

- To create **Python Programs** we store code in **Modules/Functions**
- Functions contain **Statements (& Expressions)**
- Statements (& Expressions) can create/manipulate **Python Variables**
- Python Variables are all **Objects**
- We will use **Python Built-in Objects**
- OOP – create your own Python Objects



**MY  
BRAIN  
HURTS!**



# Syntax / Flow Control

## And Booleans

Python statements

Differences to other languages - What Python has removed!

Syntax for blocks of code

Booleans, comparison operators

If (conditional) statements

Comments



# Python Code Syntax

## Python Statement

*Line of Python code to do something – logic of program*

*Made up of Python **Expressions***

**Expressions** create and manipulate Python Objects

```
>>> if x == 5: print ('Python is great')
```

## No Statement termination character

*Python has no statement termination character  
(often a semi-colon)*

*Uses end of line instead – less typing!*

*\ backslash can be used to continue lines:*

```
>>> z = x \  
... + y
```

```
>>> y = 2
```

```
>>> x = 5
```

```
>>> x*y
```

```
10
```

```
>>> _+9
```

```
19
```

Assignment  
statements  
create variables  
and associated  
objects

\_ (underscore) is  
last printed value



# Blocks and indentation

Indentation is used to group together a 'block' of code

```
for msg in ('all', 'you', 'good morning') :  
    print ("hello " + msg)  
    print ("hello again " + msg)
```



indentation



Compound Statement  
- Embedded statements

*Less cluttered than other languages (which often use brackets)*

*Colon ':' added to show that a code block/indentation is expected*

*You will forget this many times!!*

*4 spaces commonly used for indentation (2 – Google)*

*DO NOT mix tabs and spaces!*



# Spot the errors

```
if True:
    print ("true")
    print ("do")
else:
    print ("false")
    print ("do not")
print ("more code")
```



Don't have to type **brackets** round condition, **{}** around code blocks, or **;** at end of line

```
if True
    print ("true")
    print "do"
else:
    print ("false")
    print ("do not")
print ("more code")
```

Missing colon :



Missing brackets

- Inconsistent indentation produces Runtime Error
- Indentation must be consistent
- Unlike C style languages!





# Another IF statement example

```
if speed >= 70:
    print ("Driving License please")
    if mood == 'terrible' or speed >= 100:
        print ('You are in big trouble!')
    elif mood == 'bad' or speed >= 90:
        print ("6 points for you")
    elif mood == 'ok' or speed >= 80:
        print ("You are getting a ticket")
else:
    print ("Let's try to keep the speed down from now on")
```

Don't forget the :

Multiple conditions  
**and/or/not** spelt out

Multiple conditions  
Using elif (no switch/case)

Use indents to group blocks

Use single quotes inside double or vice versa



# IF statement syntax

## ■ Why do we need if statements?

- *Decides which code to run*
- *Based on Boolean test being True or False*

## ■ syntax:

```
if <boolean test>:  
    <indented code block>  
elif <boolean test>:  
    <indented code block>  
else:  
    <indented code block>
```

**Boolean Expression**

Expression which equates  
to True or False





# Booleans

## Boolean Data Type

*Values: True, False*

```
b = True
```

```
b
```

```
True
```

```
b == False
```

```
False
```

So what's the  
difference between  
= and == ?

*Boolean Operators: and, or, not*

```
b1 = True
```

```
b2 = False
```

```
b1 and b2
```

```
False
```

```
True and True True
```

```
True and False False
```

```
False and False False
```

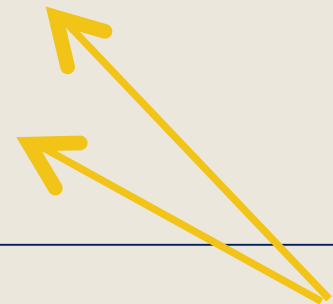


# Comparison operators

Compare two values and evaluate to **True** or **False**

<code>==</code>	<i>Equal to</i>
<code>!=</code>	<i>Not Equal</i>
<code>&lt;&gt;</code>	<i>Not Equal</i>
<code>&lt;</code>	<i>Less than</i>
<code>&gt;</code>	<i>Greater than</i>
<code>&lt;=</code>	<i>Less than or equal to</i>
<code>&gt;=</code>	<i>Greater than or equal to</i>

```
1 = len('hack')  
  
1 == 4  
True  
1 >= 8  
False
```



**Boolean Expression**  
equates to True or False



# Comments

Hash # used for single line comments

*Everything to end of line ignored*

*End of line is end of comment*

```
#
```

```
# Script:  Hello World
```

```
# Created: Sept 2017 by Petra
```

```
#
```

```
print ("Hello World")    # Print the hello msg
```

```
""" triple quotes can be used for comments that span  
    more than one line """
```



# Scripts, functions, and introducing modules

Python Functions

Python BIFs (built in functions)

Python Modules part 1

Scripts





# Python Code Syntax

**Indentation** is used to group together a 'block' of code

```
def print_msg(msg):  
    print ("hello " + msg)  
    print ("hello again " + msg)
```



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# Python Functions

## ■ Reuse code using Python **Functions**

### Function Syntax:

```
def <function_name>:  
    <indented code block>
```

Function  
definition

```
repeat_mod.py - F:/Dropbox/CSN08114 Python/repeat_mod.py (3.6.1)  
File Edit Format Run Options Window Help  
def repeat(s, times):  
    """ concatenates the input string s with itself times times  
    and returns the concatenated string"""  
  
    result = s * times  
    return result
```

Function code

## ■ a **Module** is a file that contains functions



# Using Functions

To use a function outside of the module where it is defined, you need to import the module.

```
import <module_name>
```

```
>>> import repeat_mod
>>>
>>> repeat_mod.repeat('spam', 6)
'spamspamspamspamspam'
>>>
```

Module

Module.Function

If you need only one function from a big module, you can import only the function:

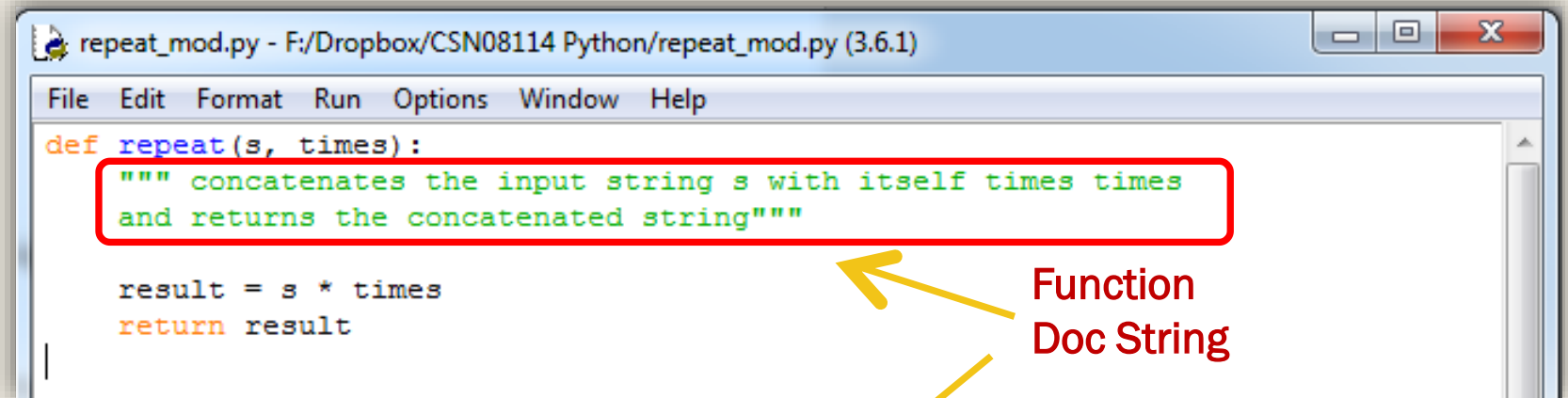
```
from <module_name> import <function_name>
```

- On import, all code in the .py file is run – function definitions are created.
- Functions can be run with **module.function()** syntax
- **reload()** can be used if changes are made to the file



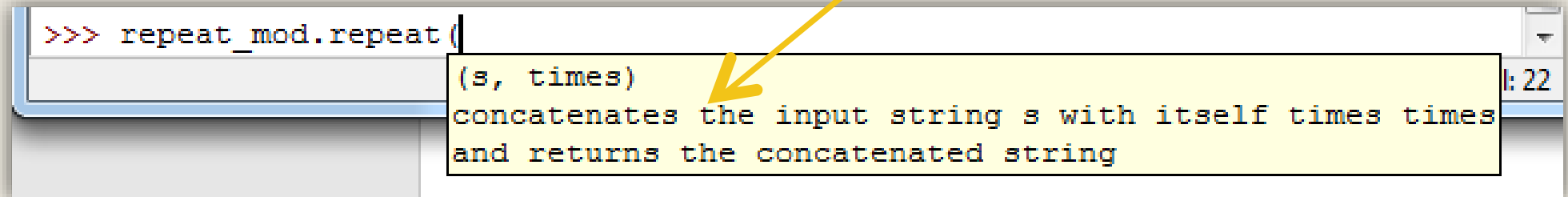
# The function doc string

- The function doc string is a comment right after the function definition
- It works like a help string
- Pops up when you use the function



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```

Function  
Doc String



```
>>> repeat_mod.repeat(
(s, times)
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and returns the concatenated string
```



# The Python Standard Library



Contains

- Built-in **functions** (BIFs) (<http://docs.python.org/library/functions.html>)
- Built-in **modules** (<https://docs.python.org/3/py-modindex.html>)
- And many more (constants, types, exceptions, ...)
- These are always available when the Python interpreter is run.



# Python Built In Functions (BIF)

Python » English » 3.7.0 » Documentation » The Python Standard Library »

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## 2. Built-in Functions

The Python interpreter has a number of functions and types built into it that are always available. They are listed here in alphabetical order.

Built-in Functions				
<code>abs()</code>	<code>delattr()</code>	<code>hash()</code>	<code>memoryview()</code>	<code>set()</code>
<code>all()</code>	<code>dict()</code>	<code>help()</code>	<code>min()</code>	<code>setattr()</code>
<code>any()</code>	<code>dir()</code>	<code>hex()</code>	<code>next()</code>	<code>slice()</code>
<code>ascii()</code>	<code>divmod()</code>	<code>id()</code>	<code>object()</code>	<code>sorted()</code>
<code>bin()</code>	<code>enumerate()</code>	<code>input()</code>	<code>oct()</code>	<code>staticmethod()</code>
<code>bool()</code>	<code>eval()</code>	<code>int()</code>	<code>open()</code>	<code>str()</code>
<code>breakpoint()</code>	<code>exec()</code>	<code>isinstance()</code>	<code>ord()</code>	<code>sum()</code>
<code>bytearray()</code>	<code>filter()</code>	<code>issubclass()</code>	<code>pow()</code>	<code>super()</code>
<code>bytes()</code>	<code>float()</code>	<code>iter()</code>	<code>print()</code>	<code>tuple()</code>
<code>callable()</code>	<code>format()</code>	<code>len()</code>	<code>property()</code>	<code>type()</code>
<code>chr()</code>	<code>frozenset()</code>	<code>list()</code>	<code>range()</code>	<code>vars()</code>
<code>classmethod()</code>	<code>getattr()</code>	<code>locals()</code>	<code>repr()</code>	<code>zip()</code>
<code>compile()</code>	<code>globals()</code>	<code>map()</code>	<code>reversed()</code>	<code>__import__()</code>
<code>complex()</code>	<code>hasattr()</code>	<code>max()</code>	<code>round()</code>	



# Using built-in **functions** example: Checking type of object / variable

- Built-in functions can be used "right out of the box"
- E.g. You may want / need to check what type a variable is
- **Useful BIFs:**
  - `type(v)`
  - `instance(v, type)`

```
>>> v = 1.345
>>> x = "good afternoon"
>>> type(v)
<class 'float'>
>>> type(x)
<class 'str'>
```

```
>>> instance(v,int)
False
>>> instance(x,str)
True
```



# Using standard library Modules

- To use functions from a standard library **Module**, you need to import it
- examples:

```
>>> import os
```

```
>>> os.getcwd()
```

```
'C:\\CSN08114 Python'
```

```
>>> from math import sqrt
```

```
>>> sqrt(100)
```

```
10
```





# External (3<sup>rd</sup> party) Modules

- If the Standard Library does not contain suitable functions, there are many\* Python modules/packages available in **PyPI – The Python Package Index**

<https://pypi.org>



- Need to install these first before importing
- Use pip (in Windows) → more later

\*13/07/2017: **112142** packages

\*21/09/2017: **117516** packages

\*10/09/2018: **151587** projects

We will come  
back to this





# is PyPI safe??



- No checks - anyone can upload
- Only developer can modify existing package
- pyto-squatting attack demonstrated in September 2017
- Github security alerts support Python projects since July 2018

<https://arstechnica.com/information-technology/2017/09/devs-unknowingly-use-malicious-modules-put-into-official-python-repository/>

[https://www.theregister.co.uk/2017/09/15/pretend\\_python\\_packages\\_preying\\_on\\_poor\\_typing/](https://www.theregister.co.uk/2017/09/15/pretend_python_packages_preying_on_poor_typing/)

<https://www.pytosquatting.org/>

<https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/ten-malicious-libraries-found-on-pypi-python-package-index/>

<https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/github-security-alerts-now-support-python-projects/>

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## Devs unknowingly use “malicious” modules snuck into official Python repository

Code packages available in PyPI contained modified installation scripts.

DAN GOODIN - 9/16/2017, 5:30 PM

```
[root@localhost distribute-0.7.3]# pip --help
Usage:
  pip <command> [options]

Commands:
  install      Install packages.
  uninstall    Uninstall packages.
  freeze       Output installed packages in requirements format.
  list         List installed packages.
  show         Show information about installed packages.
  search       Search PyPI for packages.
  wheel        Build wheels from your requirements.
  help         Show help for commands.

General options:
  -h, --help            Show help.
  --isolated             Run pip in an isolated mode, ignoring environment variables and user configuration.
  -v, --verbose          Give more output. Option is additive, and can be used up to 3 times.
  -V, --version          Show version and exit.
  -q, --quiet            Give less output.
  --log <path>          Path to a verbose appending log.
  --proxy <proxy>        Specify a proxy in the form [user:passwd@]proxy.server:port.
  --retries <retries>    Maximum number of retries each connection should attempt (default 5 times).
  --timeout <sec>        Set the socket timeout (default 15 seconds).
  --exists-action <action> Default action when a path already exists: (s)witch, (i)gnore, (w)ipe, (b)ackup.
  --trusted-host <hostname> Mark this host as trusted, even though it does not have valid or any HTTPS.
  --cert <path>          Path to alternate CA bundle.
  --client-cert <path>   Path to SSL client certificate, a single file containing the private key and the certificate in PEM format.
  --cache-dir <dir>     Store the cache data in <dir>.
  --no-cache-dir         Disable the cache.
  --disable-pip-version-check Don't periodically check PyPI to determine whether a new version of pip is available for download.
                           Implied with --no-index.
```

Enlarge

66

The official repository for the widely used Python programming language has been tainted with modified code packages, a computer security authority in Slovakia warned. The authority also said the packages have been downloaded by unwitting developers who incorporated them into software over the past three months.



# Numbers

Python Number Objects  
Number Object Types



- [illegible]



# Python Numbers

## Creation Examples:

**bool**

```
bored = False
```

**int**

```
lecture_marks_out_of_ten_so_far = 9
```

```
longerint = -7958758589549999
```

**float**

```
float1 = 3.1446546456
```

## Useful BIFs to Check type of variable:

**type()**

**isinstance()**

these are useful with Python's dynamic typing

```
>>> b1=False
>>> b2=0
>>> b1==b2
True
>>> type(b1)
<class 'bool'>
>>> type(b2)
<class 'int'>
>>> isinstance(b2,float)
False
>>> var=3.1516
>>> type(var)
<class 'float'>
>>> isinstance(var,float)
True
>>> isinstance(var,int)
False
>>> isinstance(b2,bool)
False
```



# Python Numeric Ops/Functions

## ■ Python Numeric Operators:

*Addition, Subtraction: + -*

*Multiplication, Division, integer division: \* / //*

*Modulus: %*

*x to the power of y: x\*\*y*

## ■ Numeric BIFs:

- *Conversion: int(), float(), str()*

## ■ Math Module contains more advanced numeric functions

- *math.sqrt(x) Square root of x*
- *math.pow(x,y) x to the power y with scientific notation output*

```
>>> a = 10
>>> b = 3
>>> a/b
3.3333333333333335
>>> a//b
3
>>> a%b
1
>>> a*b
30
>>> a**b
1000
```

```
>>> import math
>>> math.pow(a,b)
1000.0
```



# Flow control: FOR loops



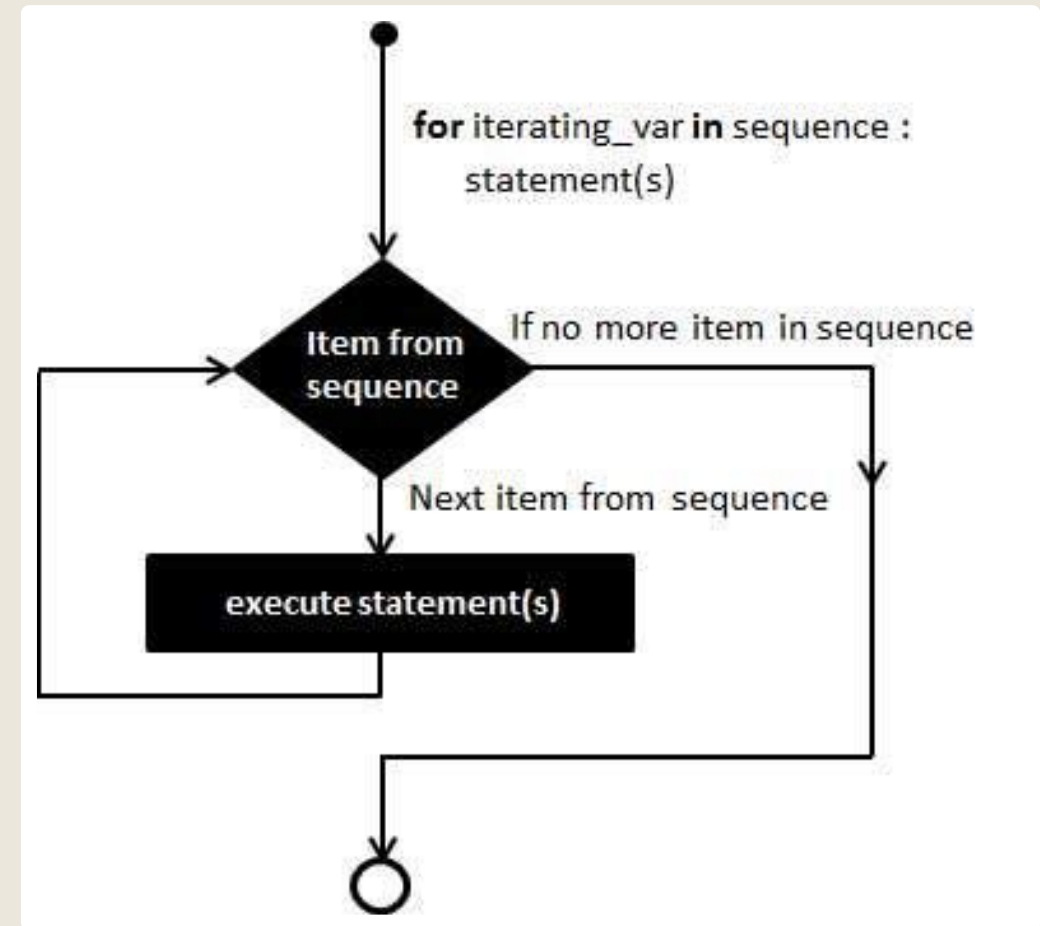
# Python FOR loops

- Execute a block a specified number of times

Basic syntax

```
for var in sequence:  
    statement(s)
```

```
# move on when sequence finished
```







# FOR loop example

```
>>> sum=0
>>> for i in range(10):
    sum=sum+1
    print(f'iteration {i}: sum={sum:2d}')
```

range() built in function generates sequences

Example of number formatting

Example of an f-string (next week)

```
iteration 0: sum= 1
iteration 1: sum= 2
iteration 2: sum= 3
iteration 3: sum= 4
iteration 4: sum= 5
iteration 5: sum= 6
iteration 6: sum= 7
iteration 7: sum= 8
iteration 8: sum= 9
iteration 9: sum=10
```



# Application: print keyspace for passwords length 1-10

```
>>> for passLen in range(1, 11):  
        print (f'{passLen} {math.pow(95,passLen)} ')
```

```
>>> import math  
>>> for passLen in range(1, 11):  
        print (f'{passLen} {math.pow(95,passLen)}')
```

```
1 95.0  
2 9025.0  
3 857375.0  
4 81450625.0  
5 7737809375.0  
6 735091890625.0  
7 69833729609375.0  
8 6634204312890625.0  
9 6.302494097246094e+17  
10 5.9873693923837895e+19
```



# Python Loop – **break** statement

## **break**

*Jumps out of current loop, and onto next statement **after** loop:*

```
>>> for passLen in range(1, 11):  
    if math.pow(95,passLen) > 100000000:  
        break  
    print (f'{passLen} {math.pow(95,passLen)}')
```

```
1 95.0  
2 9025.0  
3 857375.0  
4 81450625.0  
>>>
```



# Python Loop – **continue** statement

## **continue**

*Jumps out of current loop iteration,  
and onto **next iteration in the loop**:*

```
>>> for passLen in range(1, 11):  
    print (f'iteration {passLen}:',end=' ')  
    if math.pow(95,passLen) > 1000000000:  
        continue  
    print (f'{math.pow(95,passLen)} ')
```

```
iteration 1: 95.0  
iteration 2: 9025.0  
iteration 3: 857375.0  
iteration 4: 81450625.0  
iteration 5: iteration 6: iteration 7: iteration 8: iteration 9: iteration 10:
```



# Scientific notation





# A note on Numbers: Scientific Notation

## SCIENTIFIC NOTATION

- used to handle very large or very small numbers more easily
- Precision is variable
- Split the actual digits from the power of 10 (the magnitude)
- Programming languages use E+x or E-x instead

Standard notation	Scientific notation	Python Scientific notation
12345	$1.2345 \times 10^4$	1.2345e+4
937000099	$9.37 \times 10^8$	9.37e+8
0.0000012345	$1.2345 \times 10^{-6}$	1.2345e-6
0.009100099	$9.1 \times 10^{-3}$	9.1e-3

- To convert easily, think how many places you need to move the decimal point!
- See <https://www.mathsisfun.com/numbers/scientific-notation.html>.



# Scientific notation in Python

- e+x or e-x to handle very large or very small numbers.
- Used particularly with floats and with math module
- Precision is variable

```
>>> 123456789.0**3
1.8816763717891548e+24
>>> 123456789**3
1881676371789154860897069
>>> import math
>>> math.pow(123456789,3)
1.8816763717891548e+24
```

**e+24 means to move the decimal point 24 digits to the right**

i.e. 18816763717891548000000000  
(note that we have lost precision)



# Converting notation in Python

- floats do use scientific notation
- ints do not
- Can use float() and int() functions to "convert"

```
>>> import math
```

```
>>> v1= math.pow(123456789,3)
```

```
>>> v1
```

```
1.8816763717891548e+24
```

```
>>> type(v1)
```

```
<class 'float'>
```

```
>>> int(v1)
```

```
1881676371789154785165312
```

```
>>> v2= int(math.pow(123456789,3))
```

```
>>> v2
```

```
1881676371789154785165312
```

```
>>> type(v2)
```

```
<class 'int'>
```

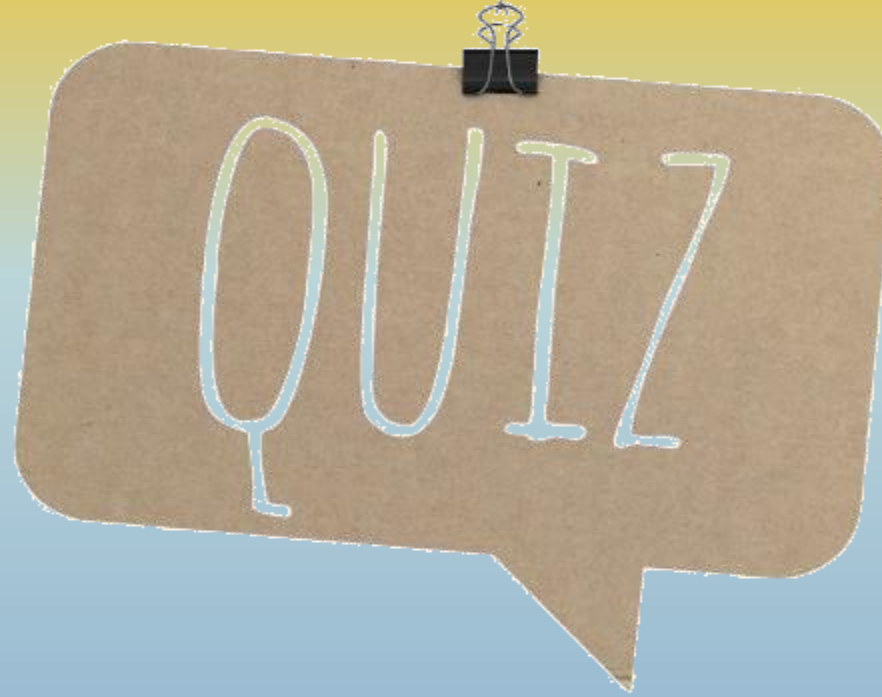
```
>>> float(v2)
```

```
1.8816763717891548e+24
```

```
>>> v1==v2
```

```
True
```





**MY  
BRAIN  
HURTS!**



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# Practical Lab

**Code breaking / password recovery:  
How long does it take to brute force  
a password?**



# Script1: Python Keyspace Calculator

## ■ Cryptanalysis – Code Breaking

**How long does it take to  
Brute Force a Password??**



## ■ Create a script

- *to calculate Password combinations (keyspace) for various length passwords*
- *And from that the average time to brute force an ASCII password*

## ■ What would we need to know?



# Python Keyspace Calculator

- Code Breaking - Brute Force
- Calculate Password Key Space - possible combinations
  - *Chars* = Number of characters in character set
  - *PassLen* = Number of characters in a password
  - $\text{Keyspace} = \text{Chars}^{\text{PassLen}}$





# Python Keyspace Calculator

- *Chars* = Number of characters in character set

- ASCII Characters?

- *95 Printable*

- *PassLen* = password length  
(Number of characters in password)

- 1

- 8

- *Keyspace* = *Chars\*\*PassLen*

- $95^{**1} = 95$

- $95^{**8} = 6,634,204,312,890,625$

Code	Char	Code	Char	Code	Char	Code	Char	Code	Char	Code	Char
32	[space]	48	0	64	@	80	P	96	`	112	p
33	!	49	1	65	A	81	Q	97	a	113	q
34	"	50	2	66	B	82	R	98	b	114	r
35	#	51	3	67	C	83	S	99	c	115	s
36	\$	52	4	68	D	84	T	100	d	116	t
37	%	53	5	69	E	85	U	101	e	117	u
38	&	54	6	70	F	86	V	102	f	118	v
39	'	55	7	71	G	87	W	103	g	119	w
40	(	56	8	72	H	88	X	104	h	120	x
41	)	57	9	73	I	89	Y	105	i	121	y
42	*	58	:	74	J	90	Z	106	j	122	z
43	+	59	:	75	K	91	[	107	k	123	{
44	,	60	<	76	L	92	\	108	l	124	
45	-	61	=	77	M	93	]	109	m	125	}
46	.	62	>	78	N	94	^	110	n	126	~
47	/	63	?	79	O	95	_	111	o	127	[backspace]



# Python Keyspace Calculator

## ■ Lab – run script

- *What do we need to add? Where?*

Add code to `get_keyspace()` to calculate the keyspace  
But How?

keyspace\_start.py - F:/Dropbox/CSN08114 Python/keyspace\_start.py (3.6.1)

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```
# Script:  keyspace.py
# Desc:    Calculate keyspace/entropy of password
# Author:
# Created:
```

```
import sys, math
```

```
def get_keyspace(passwd):
    """prints the entropy value for an ascii password"""
    print ('[*] keyspace')
    char_set = 95
    keyspace = 0 # ... ADD YOUR CODE HERE ...
    print ('[*] Password:', passwd, '- Total of:', str(keyspace), 'key combinations')
```

```
# test case
passwd = 'test' # change the passwd variable to test
# call keyspace calc function
get_keyspace(passwd)
```

```
>>>
[*] keyspace
[*] Password: test - Total of: 0 key combinations
>>> |
```



# Python Keyspace Calculator



- Calculate **Average Attempts** for a Key Space
  - *How many attempts before password recovered?*
  - *Code breaking law of averages*
    - *code has equal chance of being found anywhere in keyspace*
    - Equal chance of being first or last combination in keyspace
    - On average found half way through key space
  - *AverageAttempts = Keyspace/2*
    - $95/2 = 47.5$  attempts on average to crack
    - $6634204312890625 / 2 = 3317102156445312.5$





# Python Keyspace Calculator

- Calculate **Average Time** to crack Password
  - *How much time before password recovered?*
  - *Depends on how many passwords system can try in a hour?*
    - Let's say `PasswdsPerHour = 100,000,000`
  - *AverageTimeToCrack = AvgAttempts/PasswdsPerHour*
    - $47.5 / 100,000,000 = 0.000000475$  hours  
 $= 0.00171$  secs (\*60 \*60)
    - $3.11 \times 10^{85} / 100,000,000 = 66342043$  hours  
 $= 7573$  years (/24 /365)





# Python3 Documentation

## Official Documentation:

<http://www.python.org/doc/>

## Quick Reference:

<http://docs.python.org/reference/>

<https://www.macs.hw.ac.uk/~hwloidl/Courses/F21SC/python32.pdf>

## Cheat Sheets:

[https://perso.limsi.fr/pointal/\\_media/python:cours:mementopython3-english.pdf](https://perso.limsi.fr/pointal/_media/python:cours:mementopython3-english.pdf)

[http://sixthresearcher.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Python3\\_reference\\_cheat\\_sheet.pdf](http://sixthresearcher.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Python3_reference_cheat_sheet.pdf)

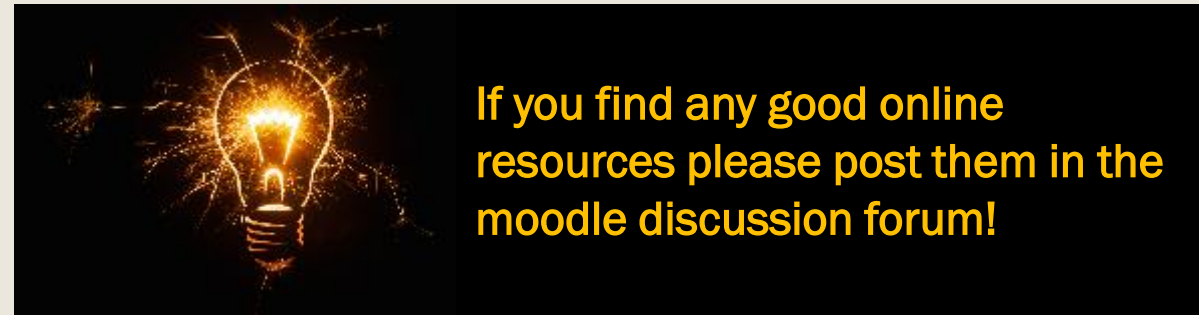
## Tutorials:

<https://www.sololearn.com/Course/Python> (very interactive, mobile apps available, highly recommended)

<https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python3/>

[http://www.python-course.eu/python3\\_course.php](http://www.python-course.eu/python3_course.php)

<https://dbader.org/blog/> (more tips and tricks)



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